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Mississippi Farmers Expecting Record High Crop Yields

Based on conditions as of November 1, 2003, Mississippi **Cotton** Production is forecast at 2.10 million bales, the same as last month but up 9 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre is forecast at a record high 916 pounds, the same as last month but up 108 pounds from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at 50.8 million bushels, the same as last month but up 16 percent from last year. Producers are expected to harvest a record high 36 bushels per acre, the same as last month but 4 bushels per acre above last year. **Corn** for grain production is forecast at 68.9 million bushels, the same as last month but up 4 percent from 2002. If realized, this would be the largest production on record. Yield per acre is forecast at a record high 130 bushels, unchanged from last month but 5 bushels above last year. Production of **Rice** is expected to be 15.4 million hundredweight, up 2 percent from last month, but down 5 percent from 2002. The yield per acre is forecast at 6,600 pounds, up 100 pounds from last month and up 200 pounds from last year.

Crop Acreage, Yield and Production, 2002 and Forecasted November 1, 2003

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		Harvested 2002	For Harvest 2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,370	1,410	32.0	36.0*	43,840	50,760
All Cotton ¹	bales	1,150.0	1,100.0	808	916*	1,935.0	2,100.0
Rice ¹	cwt	253	233	6,400	6,600*	16,192	15,378
Corn, Grain	bu	530	530	125.0	130.0*	66,250	68,900*
United States							
Soybeans	bu	72,160	72,538	38.0	33.8	2,749,340	2,451,759
All Cotton ¹	bales	12,426.6	12,107.4	665	722	17,208.6	18,215.0
Rice ¹	cwt	3,207	2,978	6,578	6,656*	210,960	198,211
Corn, Grain	bu	69,313	71,765	130.0	143.2*	9,007,659	10,277,932*

* Record high.

¹ Yield in pounds per acre.

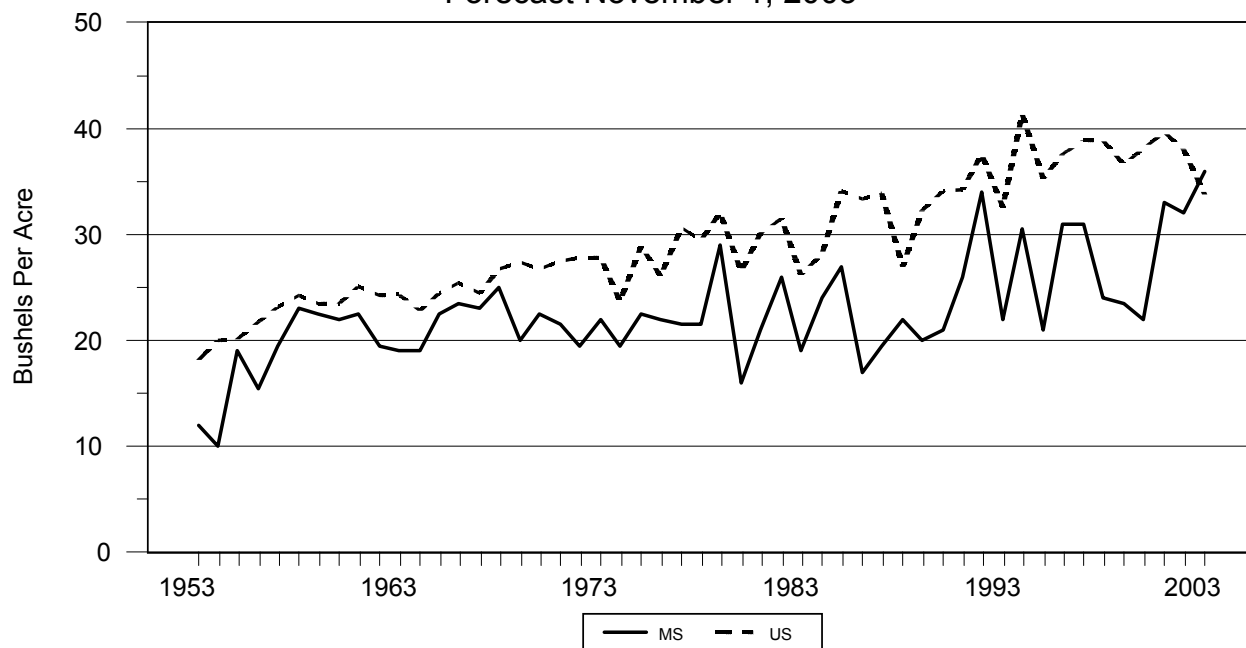
**Mississippi Cotton Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
by Selected Districts, 2002 and Forecasted November 1, 2003**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (lbs)		Production in 480 Net Weight Bales	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Upper Delta	351,500	345,000	849	904	622,000	650,000
N. Central	106,600	106,000	797	847	177,000	187,000
Lower Delta	443,700	415,000	834	983	771,000	850,000
Central	121,100	121,000	789	912	199,000	230,000
Other Districts	127,100	113,000	627	777	166,000	183,000
State	1,150,000	1,100,000	808	916	1,935,000	2,100,000

**Mississippi Soybean Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
by Selected Districts, 2002 and Forecasted November 1, 2003**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (lbs)		Production (bu)	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
Upper Delta	491,000	495,000	34.1	38.0	16,749,000	18,800,000
N. Central	127,900	116,000	28.2	33.6	3,604,000	3,900,000
Northeast	128,000	129,000	22.8	31.0	2,915,000	4,000,000
Lower Delta	476,000	535,000	34.7	37.0	16,512,000	19,800,000
Other Districts	146,700	135,000	27.7	31.6	4,060,000	4,260,000
State	1,370,000	1,410,000	32.0	36.0	43,840,000	50,760,000

**Mississippi and United States Soybean Yield, 1953 - 2002 and
Forecast November 1, 2003**



Cotton: Cumulative Boll Counts, Selected States, 1999 - 2003 ¹

State	Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number						
Arkansas	Sep	720	874	747	840	798
	Oct	700	767	780	763	755
	Nov	693	755	816	784	744
	Dec	689	755	756	772	
	Final	689	755	756	772	
California	Sep	921	760	939	945	973
	Oct	805	790	902	1,041	945
	Nov	779	801	921	1,009	893
	Dec	777	800	918	1,011	
	Final	776	800	918	1,011	
Georgia	Sep	596	597	590	569	559
	Oct	582	631	677	604	646
	Nov	621	621	651	591	643
	Dec	636	629	664	600	
	Final	632	629	664	608	
Louisiana	Sep	722	722	625	663	681
	Oct	743	692	592	756	778
	Nov	728	674	582	749	775
	Dec	728	674	588	742	
	Final	728	674	588	742	
Mississippi	Sep	761	657	754	802	837
	Oct	803	665	696	783	824
	Nov	767	652	680	768	811
	Dec	766	650	679	767	
	Final	766	650	679	767	
North Carolina	Sep	623	670	719	636	628
	Oct	646	724	722	629	630
	Nov	619	743	696	560	632
	Dec	621	747	705	567	
	Final	622	747	705	564	
Texas	Sep	465	408	441	536	465
	Oct	446	388	435	511	431
	Nov	447	397	439	520	429
	Dec	455	404	445	497	
	Final	456	448	445	497	

¹ Includes small bolls (less than one inch in diameter), large unopened bolls (at least one inch in diameter), open bolls, partially opened bolls, and burrs, per 40 feet or row. November, December, and Final exclude small bolls.

Cotton, Upland: Prices Received by Month, State, and United States, August 2002 - July 2003 and Marketing Year Average Price (MYA) by State and United States, 2001 -2002 ¹

2000 and Marketing Year Average Price (MYA) by State and United States, 2001-2002							
State	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Dollars Per Pound							
Alabama	0.290	²	0.434	0.423	0.451	0.426	0.432
Arizona	²	²	²	0.432	0.478	0.481	0.488
Arkansas	0.290	³	0.485	0.444	0.433	0.470	0.439
California	²	²	0.518	0.556	²	²	0.584
Florida							
Georgia	0.292	0.389	0.445	0.463	0.457	0.434	0.439
Kansas							
Louisiana	0.332	³	0.406	0.417	0.441	0.460	0.449
Mississippi	0.293	³	0.431	0.429	0.454	0.461	0.449
Missouri							
New Mexico							
North Carolina	0.456	0.413	0.384	0.414	0.434	0.446	0.440
Oklahoma							
South Carolina							
Tennessee	0.353	²	0.456	0.431	0.455	0.458	0.461
Texas	0.346	0.345	0.365	0.385	0.412	0.411	0.443
Virginia							
United States	0.345	0.358	0.394	0.430	0.443	0.455	0.465
State	March	April	May	June	July	Upland MYA	
						2001	2002
Dollars Per Pound							
Alabama	0.446	0.441	0.442	0.445	0.440	0.277	0.435
Arizona	²	²	²	²	²	0.284	0.463
Arkansas	0.446	0.446	0.456	0.443	0.440	0.280	0.446
California	0.591	²	²	²	²	0.416	0.573
Florida						0.295	0.440
Georgia	0.446	0.441	0.442	0.451	0.461	0.306	0.443
Kansas						0.295	0.420
Louisiana	0.466	0.450	0.450	0.446	0.469	0.281	0.440
Mississippi	0.447	0.441	0.442	0.448	0.440	0.265	0.440
Missouri						0.300	0.443
New Mexico						0.341	0.532
North Carolina	0.436	0.433	0.429	0.436	0.445	0.317	0.422
Oklahoma						0.295	0.420
South Carolina						0.320	0.410
Tennessee	0.497	0.453	0.437	0.468	0.440	0.305	0.453
Texas	0.454	0.395	0.346	0.377	0.423	0.284	0.400
Virginia						0.301	0.415
United States	0.486	0.454	0.459	0.455	0.463	0.298	0.445

¹ August 2002 - July 2003 monthly prices and 2002 marketing year average prices revised.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Insufficient movement to establish a price.

**Cottonseed: Monthly and Marketing Year Average Prices
Received by State and United States, August 2002 - February 2003 ¹**

State	August	September	October	November	December	January	February
Dollars Per Ton							
Alabama	⁴	84.00 ₃	89.00	88.00	83.00	76.00	75.00
Arizona	⁴		148.00	136.00	137.00	130.00 ₄	122.00 ₄
Arkansas	⁴	⁴	92.00	92.00	100.00		
California	⁴	⁴	150.00	142.00	132.00	130.00	130.00
Florida							
Georgia	⁴	80.00	79.00	78.00	76.00	79.00	⁴
Kansas							
Louisiana	⁴	³	89.00	85.00	89.00	⁴	⁴
Mississippi	⁴	86.00	88.00	75.00	68.00	⁴	⁴
Missouri							
New Mexico							
North Carolina	⁴	⁴	92.00	³	99.00	106.00	101.00
Oklahoma							
South Carolina							
Tennessee	⁴	⁴	97.00	95.00	94.00	⁴	⁴
Texas	92.00	97.00	106.00	109.00	105.00	101.00	102.00
Virginia							
United States	92.00	95.00	100.00	100.00	101.00	105.00	110.00

¹ Monthly prices available only for major cotton producing States.

² Second year.

³ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

⁴ Insufficient movement to establish a price.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to November 1,
by State and United States, Crop Years 2000 - 2003**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
All Cotton				
Alabama	344,100	287,400	234,150	301,600
Arizona	244,450	216,400	214,500	147,000
Arkansas	1,131,900	1,089,000	832,700	928,650
California	784,050	667,700	584,000	365,950
Florida	45,250	45,950	16,800	41,450
Georgia	535,800	666,700	478,500	607,350
Louisiana	825,250	706,600	474,400	823,850
Mississippi	1,510,750	1,345,400	1,051,050	1,446,600
Missouri	423,250	407,300	309,000	261,150
New Mexico	27,000	23,400	8,800	13,050
North Carolina	408,650	444,900	275,900	208,100
Oklahoma	78,100	56,500	59,750	50,050
South Carolina	151,100	166,600	34,750	70,250
Tennessee	613,500	566,300	403,000	369,500
Texas	2,027,950	2,069,900	1,689,000	1,743,900
Virginia	38,250	46,300	30,350	17,200
United States	9,189,350	8,806,350	6,696,650	7,395,650

**Upland Cotton Farm Marketings: Percent of Sales by Month, State,
and United States, August 2002-July 2003 ^{1 2}**

State	August	September	October	November	December	January
Percent						
Alabama	1.2	0.1	1.1	7.1	7.4	16.3
Arizona	1.7	2.5	8.8	19.3	12.2	26.2
Arkansas	2.9	0.0	2.5	11.8	9.5	21.4
California	1.8	1.9	0.6	9.6	15.1	22.5
Georgia	2.2	1.0	6.7	11.0	21.5	21.3
Louisiana	6.2	0.1	1.8	14.7	11.2	15.7
Mississippi	4.9	0.0	1.7	5.4	6.8	13.5
North Carolina	3.1	2.0	14.3	27.6	10.1	9.0
Tennessee	6.0	3.7	0.5	7.5	7.0	8.2
Texas	4.3	5.4	9.1	12.2	28.9	24.0
United States	3.4	2.5	5.7	11.1	18.5	20.5
State	February	March	April	May	June	July
Percent						
Alabama	23.3	11.5	10.6	9.4	7.2	4.8
Arizona	9.8	3.3	4.0	5.6	4.6	2.0
Arkansas	17.2	8.0	8.2	10.0	5.3	3.2
California	15.1	13.9	6.5	7.6	3.4	2.0
Georgia	14.7	5.8	4.9	4.4	3.8	2.7
Louisiana	20.1	10.3	6.6	5.6	3.8	3.9
Mississippi	26.2	11.0	10.1	8.8	7.1	4.5
North Carolina	9.0	3.9	3.3	2.3	1.4	1.1
Tennessee	22.6	20.6	8.2	6.0	7.2	2.5
Texas	5.7	4.0	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.4
United States	13.7	7.8	5.4	5.0	3.9	2.5

¹ Monthly farm marketings, based on a sample survey, as a percent of total used for calculating marketing year average prices.

² Totals may not add to 100 percent due to rounding.

Upland Cotton Monthly Marketings, Marketing Years, 2001 - 2002 Through 2002 - 2003

Month	Upland Cotton ¹		Month	Upland Cotton ¹	
	2001-2002	2002-2003		2001-2002	2002-2003
1,000 Bales			1,000 Bales		
August	506	378	March	1,001	861
September	459	281	April	551	599
October	1,223	627	May	751	557
November	2,504	1,226	June	782	426
December	2,469	2,039	July	414	274
January ²	1,802	2,261			
February	1,036	1,510	Year	13,499	11,039

¹ Survey expanded marketings based on buyer purchases in the major cotton producing States - AL, AZ, AR, CA, GA, LA, MS, NC, TN, and TX. Total may not add due to rounding.

² Second Year.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by Selected States and United States, September 2002 - 2003**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	80,934	86,747	408,104	445,857	5.04	5.14
Arkansas	96,589	98,972	481,225	500,729	4.98	5.06
Florida	9,818	10,345	52,084	56,226	5.30	5.43
Georgia	99,215	108,221	497,461	542,260	5.01	5.01
Kentucky	20,127	17,820	105,852	102,232	5.26	5.74
Louisiana	14,684	14,850	71,325	76,182	4.86	5.13
Mississippi	58,607	65,673	313,096	344,256	5.34	5.24
Missouri	30,371	34,388	139,834	156,436	4.60	4.55
North Carolina	54,411	58,557	325,702	355,354	5.99	6.07
South Carolina	19,489	20,968	107,299	121,645	5.51	5.80
Tennessee	18,782	18,073	89,797	93,487	4.78	5.17
Texas	51,051	54,223	248,882	264,294	4.88	4.87
Virginia	26,208	27,284	128,425	137,074	4.90	5.02
United States	686,869	728,238	3,514,256	3,787,428	5.12	5.20

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
by Selected States and United States, September 2002 - 2003**

State	Total Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Alabama	300,296	326,436	3,555	3,679	0.97	0.92
Arkansas	349,240	365,535	3,909	3,146	0.90	0.70
Florida	37,247	40,244	492	719	1.05	1.42
Georgia	365,181	397,402	3,312	3,016	0.74	0.62
Kentucky	76,905	72,926	701	633	0.74	0.69
Louisiana	51,613	56,078	310	270	0.48	0.39
Mississippi	233,463	268,043	1,930	2,391	0.68	0.77
Missouri	102,976	115,984	992	953	0.79	0.68
North Carolina	249,928	278,690	2,983	3,432	1.02	1.07
South Carolina	78,059	86,251	705	557	0.73	0.51
Tennessee	64,797	67,453	579	561	0.72	0.67
Texas	195,684	21,143	1,607	1,597	0.72	0.67
Virginia	93,139	96,449	977	1,022	0.85	0.83
United States	2,596,424	2,813,592	27,638	28,478	0.87	0.84

¹ Ready-to-cook weights

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages based on unrounded data.

Rice: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State
and United States, 2002 and Forecasted November 1, 2003 ¹

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003
				October 1	November 1		
Arkansas	1,503	1,454	6,440	6,550	6,600	96,752	95,964
California	528	495	8,140	7,900	7,900	42,989	39,105
Louisiana	535	445	5,500	5,800	5,800	29,400	25,810
Mississippi	253	233	6,400	6,500	6,600	16,192	15,378
Missouri	182	170	6,050	6,100	6,100	11,011	10,370
Texas	206	181	7,100	6,400	6,400	14,616	11,584
United States	3,207	2,978	6,578	6,624	6,656	210,960	198,211

¹ Sweet rice acreage and production included in 2003, but not previous year.